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West Brookfield April 18, 1853,

Samuel May Jr.

Dear Sir,

I received your letter, dated on the 14th inst. last Sunday evening at Ware. You say "I am so confident that the B. of Mannyunk [sic] Th. Mass. Anti Slavery Society would strenuously object to any of their agents selling this book [Goodell's Slavery & Anti Slavery] which represents the American Anti Slavery Society in the falsest way that I do not hesitate to ask you to give up the sale of the book entirely." You then add, "In the hands of a person who knows when how to discriminate, Mr. Goodell's book is a valuable aid." Is it likely that any one not able & disposed to do this would buy the book? I have read it carefully through & am satisfied that it is calculated to accomplish great & lasting good. According to my understanding of matters it is, in the main, a true & important history of the great struggle which it relates. There is a prejudice against the Old Organization such as there is in the minds of the Garrison against the New Organization. There an unhappy

differences & feuds between true men in the great Anti Slavery party which have come forward & fought out long enough. They must be laid aside & forgotten in that catholic & noble spirit which Gerrit Smith & Samuel J. May exhibit, or the people will lay aside & forget the men who instantly crucify Freedom by this contention. I love Mr. Garrison with all my heart, because he has been nobly true to his conviction & thus made great & constant sacrifices for precious reform. For the same reason I love Mr. Goodell. And, therefore, if the Board of Managers forbid my selling the book I shall act no longer as an agent of the Society. Till I hear from you I shall not offer the book. I shall go on to fill out my appointments & shall return to Boston a week from today. Whatever turn events may take, do not suppose it can be necessary for me to assure you & my brethren to co-operate with your society in preaching the Gospel of Deliverance to the Enslaved Brother. May. I am poor & troubled. If I must give up this agency do you know of any business in which I could earn

a support for my family. And if you
know of any opening in a school, a
few pulpit, or any agency suitable for
an honest man, will you aid me to
enter them? Grateful for all the favors
you have shown me I am

Your friend & well wisher.

Daniel Foster.

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